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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

DITTMER ET AL.

Examiner

Alfred Joseph Wujciak III

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

This is the 3rd non-final Office Action for the serial number 10/821,659, SECURE MOUNTING SYSTEM FOR OVERHEAD MOUNTED PROJECTOR, filed on 4/9/04.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 13, line 13, "projection device" is indefinite because it cites combination/subcombination problem. "Projection device" is not positively cited in the preamble of claim 13.

Claim 16 recites the limitation "surround portion" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claim 16, line 1, "claim 13" should be changed to ---claim 14--- since there is a support for "surround portion" in claim 14.

Claim 16, line 3, "structure" is indefinite because it cites combination/subcombination problem. "Structure" is not positively cited in the preamble of claim 13.

Claims 14-18 are rejected as depending on rejected claim 13.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent Application Publication # 2004/0080665 to Lovell in view of US Patent # 5,551,658, Dittmer and in further view of US Patent # 6,899,240 to Dang et al.

Lovell teaches a mounting system (figure 2) comprising a device interface bracket (55) attached to a projection device with a first tamper resistant fastener and a suspension member interface portion (15) operably coupled to the device interface bracket. The device interface bracket and the suspension member interface portion being secured together with a third tamper resistant fastener. The system comprises an enclosure (35).

Lovell teaches the suspension member interface portion adapted to be attachable to the suspension member but fails to teach the portion is secured to the suspension member by second tamper resistant fastener. Dittmer teaches a suspension member interface portion (16, 18 and 60) secured to suspension member with 2nd tamper resistant fastener (62). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have added second tamper resistant fastener to Lovell's suspension member interface portion as taught by

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Dittmer to provide additional security for the suspension member interface portion to remain connected to the suspension member.

Lovell in view of Dittmer teaches first, second and third tamper resistant fasteners but fails to teach the tamper resistant fasteners having coding. Dang et al. teaches the fastener having coding (col. 3, lines 54-56). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Lovell in view of Dittmer's first, second and third tamper resistant fasteners with coding as taught by Dang et al. to provide protection from theft.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14-18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In regard to claims 14-18, the prior art fails to teach the surround portion including a pair of end caps adapted to fit over and close the open ends.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 13-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alfred Joseph Wujciak III whose telephone number is (571) 272-6827. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on (571) 272-6815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Alfred Joseph Wujciak III
Primary Examiner
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. J. Wujciak III', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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